

ORNITHO-LOGIE

OR,

The Speech of

BIRDS,

ALSO,

The Speech of

FLOWERS

Partly Moral,

Partly Mystical.

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To my much Honored Friend,
William Stafford Esquire,
Merchant of *Bristol.*

Worthy Sir,

IN this plundering age, where
in the studies of so many
have beene ransacked, and
many papers intended for
private solace and content-
ment have bin exposed to publike view, it
was my fortune to light on the ensuing dis-
course: It seemed to me pittie that it should
be strangled in obscurity, as conceiving
it might conduce something to the delight
of the Reader, for surely no ingenious
person can be so constantly serious, yet surely
and Criticall, but to allow some interualls
for refreshment not onely as lawfull but ne-
cessarie.

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Let such morose, yea mischievous spirits
pine themselves to walking Anatomies,
who brand all recreation of the mind by
ludicrous intermissions to be unlawfull, to
spare an heavier censure (which may more
resent of anger) the worst I wish them is
alwaies to eat their meate without sauce,
and let them try whether their palate will
be pleased with the gust thereof.

In the following discourse there is no-
thing presented but sweet Flowers and
herbs: I could wish it had been in the
summertime, when the heate of the Sunne
might have improved their fragrancie to
the greatest advantage and rendred
them more acceptable to the smell of the
Reader: Being now sadly sensible that
Autumne the Vster of winter will abate
of their sweetnesse, and present them much
to their loss.

Sure I am no bitter Colloquintida ap-
peareth in this our Herball: I meane no
tart and toothed reflections on any. Dull
are those wits which cannot make some
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smile, except they make others cry, having
no way to work a delight and complacency
in the Reader save onely by gassing, woun-
ding and abusing the credits of others.

It is desired, that this discourse may but
finde as much candidnesse as it brings, and
be entertained according to his own inno-
cency. I have heard a storie of an emi-
ous man, w. o had no other way to be reven-
ged of his Neighbour, who abounded with
store of Bee-hives, then by poysoning all
the Flowers in his owne Garden wherein
his Neighbours Bees tocke their constant
repast, which infection caused a generall
mortality in all the winged cattell of his
Neighbour.

I hope none have so splenetick a de-
signe against this my harmelesse Treatise,
as to inueneome my flowers with pestilent
and unintended interpretations, as if any
thing more then flowers were meant in the
flowers, or as if they had so deepe a root
under ground, that men must mine to un-
derstand some concealed and profound my-
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sterie therein, surely this Mythologie is
Cabinet which needeth no key to unlock it,
the lid or cover lyeth open.

But me intreate you Sir to put your hand
into this Cabinet, and after therein you
finde what may please or content you, the
same will be as much contentment unto
your

True Friend,

J. S.

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To the Worshipfull,
ROGER LE STRANGE
Esquire.

SIR,



Most learned Dutch
writer hath maintained
that Birds doe speake
and converse one
with another: nor doth it fol-
low, that they cannot speake, be-
cause wee cannot beare, or that
they want language, because
we want understanding. Bec this
true or false, in Mythologic
Birds are allowed to speake, and
and to teach Men too. We know
that a man cannot read a wiser,

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nor a child a plainer Booke then
Æsops Fables.


These Birds now come to make
their nest under the Bowes and
Branches of your Favour; Bee
you pleased Sir, to extend your
shadow over them, and as they shal
receive succour from you; you
may be assured you shall receive
no hurt from them: And thus Sir,
I wish you all happinesse, not
only to converse with Birds in
the lowest Region of the Aire
sometime stiled Heaven, but that
a better and higher place may bee
reserved for your entertainement.

J. S.



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OR THE SPEECH OF BIRDS.

 Here was a Grove in Scicile, not far from Siracuse, wherein the Greek and Latin Potes had made many Hyperbolicall descriptions For the Wits in that Country, being place-bound, and confined to a narrow Circle of ground, sought to improve the same by their active Wits; whereby they enlarged every Ditch into a Ri-

wer; every *Pond* into a *Lake*, every *Grove* into a *Forrest*, every convenient *Hill* into a *Mountain*. In this notion they magnified this *Grove*, otherwise not above twelve Acres of ground, though well wooded, save that the tyrannical *Oaks* with their constant *dropping*, hindred the *underwoods* from *prospering* within the *compasse* thereof.

There was the whole Nation of *Birds* living under the shadow thereof. And the climate being indifferently moderate, and moderately middle; wherein the *East*, *West*, *North*, and *South* of the *World*, wherein some kinds compounded,

ded *Birds*, of all *Climates* here, made their habitations. Now a Bill of complaint was subscribed (or rather signed) with the numberlesse *Clawes* (instead of hands) of *Birds*; containing the many insupportable Grievances they had endured from the intolerable cruelty of the *Eagle*; who making his own *lust* his Law, had dominered over all the *winged Nation*. The *Eagle* appeared in answer hereunto; (it being a generall meeting of all kinds of *birds*), and endeavoured to justifie his proceedings, and clear himself in vain, from their accusations. The truth is, the *Eagle* was overgrown with

Age, for he is generally reported the survivor of all *Birds*: So that if one would take a *Lease* of Land on a *birds* life, he could not put in a more advantageous name then an *Eagle*.

But this *Eagle* had its *bill* with long age so reflexed back again into his mouth, that hee was so farre from preying on another, that hee could not swallow any *Flesh* though profered unto him. Soon will the *spirits* fail where the belly is not fed; in vain did his *courage* pretend to his wonted *valour*, when there was nothing within to justify and make good the offers thereof.

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So that the poor *Eagle* conquered rather with its own *Age* then outward *violence*, yielded to that to which all must yield: and was forced patiently to digest all affronts offered unto him, and glad so to escape. - For although some mention was made of killing him; yet by plurality of suffrages, that *vote* got the mastery which onely confined him to a neighbouring *wood*, on condition that death without mercy should be his penalty if exceeding the Bounds thereof.

This done, Proclamation was made three daies after that the whole *Species* of *Birds* should

should appeare for the election
of a *Principall* to command
them. Indeed there were ma-
ny which were altogether a-
gainst any Government, be-
cause they might the more
freely rove and range in their
Affections. These held that all
were free by nature; and that it
was an assault on the Liberty
of man, and a *rape* offered to
his naturall freedom; that any
should assume authority above
another. These maintained
(what certainly was not onely
a paradox, but a flat falshood)
that nature at the first Creati-
on made all the world a flat le-
vell and *Champion*, and that it
was by the violence of the *De-*
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luge or great Flood, which by the partial fall or running thereof, made the inequality, by sinking some places into humble *Vallies*, and swelling others into aspiring *Mountaines*. Prosecuting which comparison, they maintained that all men were naturally equal; and that it was the inundation and influx of humane *Tyranny* which made this disparity between them. They also defended the argument, that as the world began, so it should with the Golden age; and that all ought to be restored to that primitive Liberty which men had lost, partly *surrendring* it by their own folly and ease

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nature; partly *surprised* into their own slavery by the cunning and craft of others that practised on their simplicity. But however that these made a great noise, the opposite party prevailed, as having most of strength and reason on their side.

For where all rule, there no rule at all will be: where every man may command, in fine, none will obey, the dictates of his own reason, but be a very *vassall* to his *passion*. Society cannot be twisted together where there is not a subordination and subjection one to another; and where every one is absolute in himself, there is an

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impossibility of any orderly subsistence.

Let the maintainers of the contrary, try with themselves to make a rope of sand ; where each crum therein being independent of it self, hath no tendency to a generall agreement; but enjoyes it self in its own intirenesse.

It being now cast (by generall suffrages) for a *Commander* over all, that at such a time they should meet : it was also proclaimed that all antipathy should cease between all *Birds* during their meeting ; because being now in danger of generall ruine, for want of a *head* all priyate animosity should be bro-

broken off and drowned in a
publique agreement.

According to the Procla-
mation, they all met together;
and *birds* of all feathers had a
generall *convolancy*. Then the
Estridge began, in a high com-
mendation of himself, how hee
was the biggest of all *birds*, and
therefore the fittest to be their
General, as of the greatest abili-
ty to support the weight of the
Massie affairs of State. The rest
of the *birds* gave him the bea-
ring, untill the little *Wren* thus
returned the answer.

It may seeme a very unpro-
portionable combate betweene
the *least* and *greatest* of *birds*
that I should once offer to en-

ter the *Lift* with this *Giant*, who
frights us all with his great-
nesse. But sure this wise *Senate*
never made the bulk of a *body*
the standard whereby to mea-
sure the perfections of the
mind: and therefore I may take
to my selfe the confidence to
examine the truth of what hee
hath spoken. His greatnesse is
apparent to every eye; but as
for any other eminency, it is so
secret a quality, that none as
yet hath discovered it; For
mine own part I conceive him
rather *beast* then *bird*, and
therefore not properly of our
kind. I appeal to his *Latin*
name; *Struthio-Camelus*; where-
in the *Camell* beares away the
last

last and best part thereof. And are we put to such a straight, that we must elect an *Hermaphrodite*, a rudiment, which is a measuring case betweene *Beast* and *Fowl*: Doth hee not more trust, unto his *Leggs* to *Flee*, then unto his *Wings* to *flye*, and what I pray is the remarkable vertue, which commends him to publique notice; hath he any *melodious voice* whereby to charme the attentions of those that hear him: hath he any extraordinary *wit*, in which he appears above others of the same society. What if Foolish women, as light perhaps as the *Feather* they wear, be pleased

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to advance his *Taile* above
their *heads*. What if vainglo-
rious *Captaines* more known by
their *Plumes* then their *perfor-*
mances ; deck their *crest* with
the spoil of his *wings*: all these
amount not to argue any *reall*
worth in him. Wee live not in
an age to be deluded with
showes, or cheated with sha-
dowes. It is enough that our
Ancestors have suffered for their
folly herein, with their owne
credulity. *Reall* worth must
be the attractive of our *love*
and *respect* : which being here
wanting, I utterly disavow his
Election for our *Soveraign*.

The rest of the *birds* con-
sulted with the resolution of

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the Wren, highly applauding
it for the same; which durst
speake that which others
thought. They plainly saw
that *spirit* united in a small
bulk, acts most vigorously: and
the contracted heat in so small
a *body* prompted the *Wren* to
such lively expressions which
bigger *birds* durst not utter.

Next stood forth the *Parrot*,
insisting largely on it's own
commendation, among the rest
of his dexterous faculty, in imi-
tating the speech of Man
wherein he exceeded all other
creatures in the world. And see-
ing man was the Sovereign of
all the Creation, he conceived
himself (when approached near
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unto him in his happy expressions; deservedly might claim the Regiment of all birds.

The *Daw* generally condemned for its *laquacity*, took upon him to answer the *Parrot*. Indeed hee began with great disadvantage; none expecting any thing of wit or worth from him, because hee was so common a *Talker*, therefore conceived his *speech* not worthy their attentions, when defeating their expectations, & deceiving them with a harmless cheat, he thus proceeded.

You have heard the *Parrot* make a large *encomium* of himself, all which must needs be true, because you have heard

his owne credit to avouch it
 otherwise me thinks one might
 justly take the liberty to exa-
 mine the ground of what hee
 hath spoken; I will not insill
 of the *aliennesse* of his *extracti-*
on; we living here in *Syracuse*
 whilst this *Parrot* fetcheth his
 Originall from the *South* of
Africk, or *East* of *Asia*. One
 consider with your selves how
 unfit it is for our free-born spi-
 rits to submit to a *Forrainer*
 assure your selves, *forrain* *Aim*
 will bring in *forrain* *inclinati-*
ons; hee cannot but promote
 strangers as his favourites to
 places, and preferments of pro-
 fit and honour, and can the
 be digested by such as consu-

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the true spirit of an ingenious
 Birth; For mine own part, I
 shall rather submit to the ty-
 ranny of your own Country,
 then to the insulting humours
 of strangers, as expecting that
 although one of our owne
 Country may for a time domi-
 neere over us; yet the sym-
 pathy of blood to those of
 his own Land, will give a
 check, and at last gain a Conquest
 of his passion, that he will re-
 turn to a favourable reflecti-
 on, on those who by vicinity of
 birth and breeding are related
 unto him. *Now whereas the Parrot*
boasteth that hee doth so ex-
actly imitate the speech of
Man,

Man, it affecteth me no whit at all with admiration thereof. I have heard of a speech of Alexander, who being invited to hear a man that sung like the Nightingale, answered, I scorn to hear him, for I have heard the Nightingale it selfe: and who would admire at the Copie, when he hath the Original. I have often heard men themselves speak, and therefore am not a whit moved to heare a Parrot speak like a man; Let every thing appear in its owne shape; Men speak the language of Men, Birds of Birds. Hypocrisie is that which hath betrayed the world, to a generall delusion, thence to destruction, when

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Tongues and Tones of those
from whose *Hearts* they
dissent: how many demure
people hath this age brought
forth, sadly and soberly drop-
ping forth their words, with
much affected deliberation (as
if all the hearers were bound
thereby to believe them as so-
lid, reserved and discreet in
Deeds as in their *words*, when
they onely *Palliate* and cloak a
base and unworthy *inside* under
the shadow and pretence of an
outward fair representation. I
therefore must throw my
graines into the *Negative* scale,
and conceive the *Parrot* utterly
unfit for the *soveraignty* of
birds.

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After many debates and the
 disputes, pro and con, plurali- begi
 ty of voices at last pitched on S
 the Hauke, as whose extracti- the
 on was known to be honora- wha
 ble, valour undoubted, provi- lang
 dence or foresight admirable, bot
 as appeared in the quicknesse then
 of his eyes; being a *Promethe-* of
us indeed; foreseeing all dan- trat
 gers, and his own advantages Err
 of great distance. The Hauke orig
 returning his full and fair And
 thanks unto them for their stan
 free favour, accepted of their to c
 profer, and all their meeting If
 for the present was diminished, Pos
 onely two birds commanded del
 to stay behind, the Phoenix in
 and the Turtle Doye, whom Bea
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and the Hawk severally accosted,
beginning with the former.

Sir, or Mistris Phoenix, saith
the Hawk; for I know not in
what Gender to addresse my
language unto you, in whom
both Sexes are jumbled toge-
ther. I desire to be informed
of you, whether that bee a
truth, or a long lived common
Error, of the manner of your
original from the Ashes of your
Ancestor, if it be a truth, I
stand ready with admiration
to embrace and entertaine it:
If an errour, I am resolved
Posterity shall no longer bee
decluded therewith. We live
in an Age of Knowledge, the
Beames whereof have dispel-
led

led those mists of Error
wherewith our Forefathers
were cheated into the belief
of many impossibilities recom-
mended unto them by Tradi-
tion, as if the gray Perriwigg
of Old-age should command
so much veneration from us
that we should consign up our
judgement to the implicate
belief of any thing which for-
mer Ages have related. Deale
therefore openly with me, and
informe me the truth, whe-
ther your Generation be thus
by Continuation of a Mi-
racle.

I cannot resolve you here-
in, saith the Phoenix, of the
particulars of my Extraction,
which

which happened long before
the register of my memo-
ry: Sure I am there are
no other of my kinde for me
to couple with, which demon-
strates the truth of that which
is generally received: I con-
fesse men make use of me ra-
ther for a Moral and an Em-
bleme to denote those things
which are rare, and seldome
come to passe. Thus, a Court
Lord who will honestly pay
all his Debts, is accounted a
Phoenix: A Judge who will
not suffer his Conscience to be
robbed by a bribe secretly
proffered unto him, is a Phoe-
nix: A Great man who looks
straight forward to the Pub-
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lique good, not bound on either side with his own interest is a Phoenix: However assure your selfe, that besides the Morality that may be made thereof, I have, as you see, a real Existence in Nature, and if any will take the paines to travel into *Arabia to Mecca* he shall finde my Nest in a Tree hanging there almost as Artificially as doth the Tombe of *Mahomet* bribed by an invisable Loadstone into that miraculous posture thereof.

But now, saith the Hawk, suppose I should seise on you this night for my supper, whether doe you thinke that the losse of your life would be so

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great a defect in Nature, that
the whole *Universe* would fare
the worse for the same?

Undoubtedly it would, saith
the Phoenix, for this is received
for an undoubted Maxime a-
mongst *Philosophers*, that if
one whole kinde or *species* of
Creatures be destroyed, the
whole world would be ruined
thereby: For every kinde of
Creatures are so Essential to
the well being thereof, that
if any one of them be utterly
destroyed, all the rest out of
sympathy will decay.

I conceive not, saith the
Hawk, that you are such a
foundation stone in Natures
building, that the taking you
away

away will hazard the whole
 Architecture thereof. How-
 ever, I am resolved to put it to
 the tryal, be it but to gaine
 knowledge by the experiment.
 I know what *Plato* saith, *That*
those are the happiest Kingdomes,
wherein either their Kings are
Philosophers, or their Philoso-
phers their Kings. Seeing there-
 fore the History of Nature is
 so necessary to an accomplish-
 ed Governour, I who desire all
 perfections in that kind, will to
 satisfie my curiositie make
 proof thereof.

The Phoenix pleaded for her
 self the benefit of a Proclama-
 tion of liberty to all for three
 dayes to come and goe with
 safety;

safety; the Eagle smiling at
her silly plea, informing her
that such grants are to be kept
no farther than they are con-
sistent with the conveniency
of those that grant them. Yet
for the present the Phoenix was
reprieved, because the Hawkes
stomach lately gorged, had not
as yet recovered his appetite
to his supper.

Then the Hawk approach-
ed to the Turtle-dove, de-
manding of her whether it was
true or no what passeth for a
common truth, that the Turtle
if once losing their Mate, ne-
ver wed more, but passe the re-
mainder of their dolefull dayes
in constant widdowhood.

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Most true it is, saith the Turtle, which I may speake by my owne sad experience; for some three yeares since, the unhappy shot of a cruel Falconer deprived me of my deare Husband, since which time I have sequestred my selfe from all company, never appearing in publique till now, forced thereunto by command from Authority.

And surely, I conceive, all second Marriages little better than excusable lust, for when once the heate of youth hath been abated in one Match, none can pretend Necessity of Marrying againe, except it be for quenching those heate

which they themselves wil-
 lingly and wilfully kindle.
 Besides, when one hath once
 really affected a Husband, or
 be a Wife, affections so in-
 grosse the whole soul, that
 notwithstanding his, or her
 death, it can never admit a-
 nother to the same degree of
 cleanness. Especially if their
 love were signed and sealed
 with Issue, as mine was, having
 three of both Sexes surviving
 send them better success
 than their unhappy Father
 had, so that in them me-
 thinks I behold my Husband
 still alive. She therefore that
 hath not the modesty to dye
 the Relict of one man, will
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charge through a whole Army
of Husbands, if occasion were
offered, before her love will
meet with a full stoppe there
of.

You are too rigid and se-
vere, saith the Hawk, to make
your personal temper and pri-
vate practice the rule to me-
asure all other by, unacquainted
with the Necessities of others
in this kinde. But to come
closer to the matter, I desire
satisfaction in another thing
namely, whether you be with-
out a Gall as is commonly re-
ported.

I know there is a twofold
knowledge, one by the fruit
and the effects which Schol-
ars

call *a posteriore*, and this is the
more fallible & uncertaine, the
other *a priore* from the Causes,
and this as more demonstra-
tive may safely be relyed on;
I will embrace the latter
course, and to assure my selfe
whether you have a Gall or
no, I meane to make you a li-
ving Anatomie, and instantly
to inspect you. Ocular inspec-
tion is the best direction, and
I will presently pry into your
entrails for my better informa-
tion, to see with what curio-
sity Nature hath contrived the
things therein, and how many
little engines there are to
move the wheels of life within
you.

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Then beganne the Eagle to dispose himselfe for Supper, intending the Turtle-dove for the first Course to begin with, and the Phœnix (as the finer flesh) to close his stomach therewith. In preparation wherunto he plumed the Dove of some of her upper Feathers.

Just in the instant as he beganne his prey, who should come in, but he was little expected, and lesse welcome to the Hawk than the old Eagle, and we must a while dwell upon the cause and manner of his enlargement.

This Eagle was, as aforesaid, confined to a Grove, where he

was temperate against his will,
as not able to feede on any
Fowle. Nature had hung such
a Lock upon his Bill, for the
Redundancie thereof was such,
that hee was capable of no
food, save drinke, which hee
plentifully powred in; thus for
some moneths drinke was all
the meate hee tooke, which
served to support his life,
though not to encrease his
strength; yet could he not be
a good fellow in his Cups, as
being solitary by himselfe, ha-
ving none to keep him com-
pany. At last hee descryed a shapie
Rock, wherein one place white
in colour, more prominent
than

than the rest; had a shining
hardnesse therein; to this the
Eagle applyes his Bill, and ne-
ver left off rubbing, grating,
and whetting his Beak there-
on, untill at last bee quite
whetted off the superfluous,
yea hurtfull Excreescencie of
his Bill, which now reduced to
a moderate proportion, was
as usefull to all purposes as e-
ver before. Thus enabled to
get his prey in few weekes, he
recruited his strength, so that
what the Poets tell of *Medea*,
that with her enchanted Baths
made her Father-in-law young
againe, here truly came to
passe: And now the New old
Eagle hearing in what Quar-

ing the new-ig, re-ite is, of to was e- to he at , ns g o d -
ters the Hawke kept his constant residence, thought on a sudden to have surpris'd him, had not the other discovered his approach, and made a seasonable escape, whereby both Turtle and Phoenix obtained their liberty, and securely returned unto their owne Nests.

The Hawke having made an escape, posted with all speed to the Lapwing, which with some difficulty he found out, and privacie being obtained, thus kindly spake unto him.

Friend Lapwing, I have taken notice, that you are one of the most subtilest, and politick Bird in all our Commonwealth;

wealth; you have the art
 to cover your intentions, that
 they are not obvious to com-
 mon eyes, when your Egges or
 young ones be a mile at di-
 stance, you use to flutter with
 your winges, and fetch your
 rounds and circles a great way
 off, as if you intended to brood
 that place with your wings,
 or as if that were the Chest
 wherein your Treasure was
 deposited; this makes many
 people to search there for your
 young ones, but are frustra-
 ted of their hopes; you have
 inscured them farre off; this
 lawfull Simulation, I conceive
 a commendable and necessary
 quality in every great person;

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their well-being: Should men
play all above board, and ex-
pose their actions to all Spe-
ctators, Folly and Wisdome
would bee both of a rate. No,
it is the hanging of such Cur-
taines and Traverses before
our Deeds which keep up our
Reputation, and enable us for
great performances. Now I
request you help me a little in
my extremity, the renewed
Eagle is in pursuit of me, and
my safety lyeth much at your
disposall. The Lapwing pro-
mised the utmost of his endea-
vours, and desired the Hawk to
proceed.
See you, saith the Hawk,
yonder

yonder empty Cage of great abundance
 receipt, so that it might serve for
 for an Aviarie, for which it was
 was first intended, though since
 since disused, when the Eagle
 flying this way enquireth after
 me, perswade him I am flowne
 into the Cage, and leave the
 rest to my performance.

All was acted accordingly, the
 the Eagle demanded what was
 become of the Hawk? the
 Lapwing returned, *Here 'tis*,
here 'tis, and then hovered o-
 ver the Cage, fetching so ma-
 ny compasses thereabouts, that
 one might have mistaken him
 for some Conjuror, making
 his many Circles with intent
 to raise up some spirit there-
 abouts:

great abouts: The Eagle violently
 erve flies into the Cage, whose
 in it doores stood open, triumph-
 ughing in his owne happinesse,
 gle that now he should be reven-
 fterged on his profest Enemy. In-
 vnestantly the Hawk (who stood
 the behinde unseen in a place of
 advantage) clapps an Iron
 gly, Padlock on the Cage, and
 warthus insulteth over the Pri-
 the soner.

is, Methinkes, Sir Eagle, you
 o make mee call to minde the
 na condition of *Bajazet* the Great
 hat Turk, whom *Tamberlan* tooke
 him captive, and carried him a-
 ing bout the Country, that all
 ent people might feed their gazing
 ere eyes upon him ; such a spe-
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Eagle

Oracle are you this day; I have now made an Owle of the Eagle, turned him into the ridiculous object of laughter and contempt: Tell me, do you not want a *Promethens*, to feed upon his fruitfull entrails as the Poets feigne, which daily increased, and afforded the Poets Eagle both Common and Festivals. Sir, your life shall not bee vented out once, but you shall dye many deaths, with long lingering torments: I will order it so that you shall feele your self to dye: There is no Music in an Enemies death, which is not accompanied with torment, and though no out

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ward torture shall be inflicted
 upon you, yet know, that
 thirst and hunger shall be your
 two Executioners. Now the
 Guiltlesse blood of so many
 Birds and innocent Lambs,
 and hurtlesse Hares shall bee
 required of you; and so I
 leave you till to morrow,
 when I meane to make a new
 meal of you in scorn and con-
 tempt.

The Eagle sadly, yet stoutly
 answered, my courage shall
 not abate with my condition;
 whose spirit is planted above
 the battery of Fortune, I will
 never be lesse than my selfe;
 whatsoever befalls me. A Lyon
 is no lesse a Lyon, though in a
 grate;

grate ; Mischance , may make me miserable, it shall not make me base, I will beare my troubles with as much chearfulness as I may, I defie thy spleene in triumphing over me.

After the Hawkes departure, the Ostrich came in the place, whom the Eagle saw unseen, and wishly marked his postures and motions. The Ostrich fell into a strange passion, and would you know the reason thereof, it was as followeth.

Some three dayes since, when hee first repaired to the generall meeting of the Birds, he left his Egges in the sand,

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not covering them over, such
his carelesnesse and incogitan-
cie; it was in a Starre-light
night, wherein he took a mark
for the finding of his Egges by
such a Starre, under the di-
rect position whereof he then
hid them, and hoped to finde
them at his returne. It hap-
pened that the Starre being
turned about with the cir-
cumgyration of the heavens,
which continue in constant
motion, the Ostrich lost the
Starre by which hee thought
to find his Egges, and though
very neare the place wander-
ing up and downe, and could
not light upon it, which made
him breake forth into this
passi-

passionate complaints.

I am the unfortunatest of all Fowles: How will all condemn mee for an unnaturall Parent, who have been thus carelesse of mine owne Issue? Yet I tooke as good notice of the place as I could, all things in Earth are false, and fading, and flitting away: I had thought there had been more faithfullnesse in the Heavens, more assurance in the Skies. Let never the *Indians* worship Stars again, when they are guilty of so much deceit.

How comes it to passe, that the Pole-Starre is so perfect a guide and direction to the Mariner, that it may be tear-

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med the grand Pilot of all
Shippes, by the Elevation, or
Depression whereof, they in-
fallibly collect in the darkest
nights whereabouts they steer.
I say, how comes that Starre
to be so true to its trust, to be
so true a Conductor of wan-
dering Saylor's, and this prove
so false to me? And now will
Posterity brand me for unna-
turalnesse, who have exposed
my Egges to such danger,
though therein all caution was
used by mee to the height of
my discretion. More would
thee have spoken when griefe
silenced her; for as those Ri-
vers are shallow which make a
noyse, whilst the deepest
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streames are tongue-tyed; those passions which vent themselves in words, discover their bottome of no great depth.

Meane time the Eagle looked through the species, & on intervals in the Cage, and so excellent the sight thereof he easily discerned where the Egges lay, the Ostrich being so near, that he almost crushed them with his own feet, wherefore calling the Ostrich unto him, I am glad, saith he, that in my misery I have the occasion to oblige any; I can tell you where the Treasure is that you seek for, and presently directed him to the same.

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The Ostrich was not so overjoyed with its own happiness, but that he bethought himself how to return proportionable thanks to the Eagle, in order whereunto he set his Bill against the Iron Padlock of the Cage, and according to the voraciousness of his stomach quite devoured the same.

Let privy Councillors of Nature enter into this deep Discourse, how it is possible for such a solid, and substantial thing as Iron is, to become food to a Fowle, let them, I say, beate their braines about this Question harder than Iron, and if they find the true reason

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reason thereof, I shall preferre
their Ingenuity as stronger
than the stomach of an O-
strich; meane time we will be
content to rest in the vulgar
report, and are satisfied to ad-
mire what we cannot under-
stand in such cases wherein
surely there are some hidden,
and occult qualities, too deep
for men to dive into, and these
betray a surly and base dispo-
sition, which will beleieve
nothing (though Authentically
attested by never so ma-
ny witnesses) whereof they are
unable to render the true rea-
son, as if Nature could doe
nothing but what shee gives
them an account of how shee
doth it. The

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The Eagle thus restored to
liberty, returned hearty thanks
to the Osprey. You see, saith
he, there is no living in this
world without harrasing and
exchanging of Curtesies one to
another; he that lendeth to-
day may borrow to morrow;
how happy would Mankind be,
if the Wall of Envie
were pluckt downe betwixt
them, and their parts so layd
in Common, that the wealth
of one might supply the wants
of another; Nature hath in-
riched me with a quick Sight
thee with a strong Digestion;
I have restored thy Egges to
thee, you have restored me to
my selfe; liberty being the life

of life; and this I thought fit to
testifie unto thee, though not
in the pursuit of my Enemy;
first to thank thee; then
punish him. I will not be
guilty of so preposterous a
Soul; that my Revenge shall
get the speede of my Grati-
tude.

This done; the Eagle in
full Quest of the Hawke, dis-
covereth a company of Birds
together; being a great party
whom the Peacock had assem-
bled; with hope to intice
them to choose him their
Chiefe; for the Hawke no
where appearing, and the en-
largement of the Eagle being
unknown; he thus endea-
voured

red by his Rhetoricall flourish
to make himself popular
in their affections.

I am not ignorant, that
such men proclaime their own
weaknesse, who are the He-
rald of their owne praise; it
argueth a great dearth of de-
sert, and want of worth, when
one is large in his own com-
mendation, however some-
times necessity makes it law-
full, especially when what is
spoken is so generally known,
that it commandeth the way
to its own belief, and carrieth
the credit about it, give me
leave to present my person
and merits to your considera-
tion; my bulke not so great

as the Ostrich like to bee a
burden to it selfe, yet not so
little as any way to invite neg-
lect: A good presence is re-
quisite in a Commander, o-
therwise great parts crowded
in a despicable person, no
whit becomes one in Autho-
rity. I will give you but one
argument, or demonstration
rather of my Worth: When
the Gods had the free choice
of all the Birds which they
would please to make their
Attendants in ordinary, and
when *Jove* made choice of
the Eagle, as most Emperiall,
Juno, his Consort, was pleased
to elect me, to be called by the
name of her Bird in all passa-
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ges of Poetry. Thus am I
next to the best, and but
one steppe removed from the
Top, even by those infallible
judgements.

Looke, I pray, upon my
Traine, how it is Circular,
the most capable Forme, and
how it is distinguished with
variety of Colours, which ap-
peareth as so many earthly
Rainebowes in my Feathers.
Ovid hath reported, that *Ar-
gus* his hundred eyes were tur-
ned into them. But know you,
if you please to elect me to
be your Chiefe, that all those
eyes shall daily and hourly
watch & ward for your good,
I will have a constant over-
sight

fight of your welfare. 16

It was conceived, that the Peacock intended a longer Oration, which would have wearied the assembly with the Prolixity thereof, had he not casually, but happily cast down his eyes on his black legs, the ugly hew thereof so abated his Pride, that it put a period to his Harangue before his intent, and others expectation. Now as the Vulture was tuning his tongue to return an answer, in cometh the Eagle, and is generally received with all joyfull acclamations.

Now because Clemencie is the badge of a generous nature,

ture, and those that have most courage have least cruelty, at the mediation of some potent Birds, the Eagle condescended, that the day of his Re-inauguration should not be stained with blood, and therefore granted life to the Hawk, but on condition, not to exceed the Grove in which formerly himself was imprisoned.

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ANTHEOLOGIA,
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The Speech of Flowers.

Here was a place in
Theffaly (and I am
sorry to say there ~~was~~
a place in *Theffaly*, for though
the place be there still, yet it is
not it selfe. The *bones* thereof
remaine, not the *Flesh* and
Colour. The standards of *Hilles*
and *Rivers*; not the Ornaments
of *Woods*, *Bowers*, *Groves* and
Banqueting-houses. These long
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since are defaced by the *Turkes*, whose barbarous natures wage warre with civility it selfe, and take a delight to make a *Wilderneffe* where before their conquest they found a *Paradise*.)

This place is some five miles in length, and though the breadth bee *Corrivall* with the length to equallize the same, and may so seeme at the first sight; yet it falleth short upon exact examination, as extending but to foure miles. This place was by the Poets called *Tempe*, as the *A-*bridgement of Earthly happinesse, shewing that in *short hand* which the whole world presen-

ted in a larger character, no earthly pleasure was elsewhere afforded, but here it might be found in the height thereof.

Within this Circuit of ground, there is still extant, by the rare preservation of the owner, a small Scantlin of some three Acres, which I might call the Tempe of Tempe, and re-epitomiz'd the delicacies of all the rest. It was divided into a Garden, in the upper Part, whereof Flowers did grow, in the lower, Herbs, and those of all sorts and kinds. And now in Spring time earth did put on her new cloathes, though had some cunning Herald beheld the same,

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he would have condemned her
Coate to have been of no antient
bearing, it was so overcharged
with variety of Colours.
For there was yellow Mari-
golds, Wallflowers, Auriculasses,
Gold knobs, and abundance of
other namelesse Flowers, which
would pose a Nomenclator to
call them by their distinct de-
nominations. There was White,
the Dayes Eye, white roses, Lil-
lies, &c. Blew, Violet, Irisse, Red
Roses, Pionies, &c. The whole
field was vert or greene, and all
colours were present save sable,
as too sad and dolefull for so
merry a meeting. All the Chil-
dren of *Flora* being summoned
then

there, to make their appeatance
at a great solemnity.

Nor was the lower part of
the ground lesse stored with
herbs, and those so various,
that if Gerard himselfe had bin
in the place, upon the behold-
ing thereof, he must have been
forced to a re-edition of his
Herball, to adde the recruit of
those *Plants*, which formerly
were unseen by him, or un-
known unto him.

In this solemn Randevouz of
Flowers and *Herbs*, the *Rose*
stood forth, and made an *Ora-*
tion to this effect.

It is not unknown to you,
how I have the precedency of

all Flowers, confirmed unto me
 under the Patent of a double
Sence, Sight, Smell. What more
 curious Colours? how do all
Diers blush when they behold
 my *blushing*, as conscious to
 themselves, that their *Art* can-
 not imitate that tincture, which
Nature hath stamped upon me.
Smell, it is not lasciviously *offen-*
sive, nor dangerously *Paint*, but
 comforteth with a delight, and
 delighteth with the comfort
 thereof: Yea, when *Dead*, I am
 more *Soveraigne* then *Living*.
 What *Cordials* are made of my
Syrups? how many corrupted
Lungs (those Fans of Nature)
 fore walked with consumption,
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that they seem utterly unable any longer to cool the heat of the Heart, with their *ventilation*, are with *Conserve*s made of my stamped *Leaves*, restored to their former soundnesse againe. More would I say in mine own cause, but that happily I may be taxed of pride, and selfe-flattery, who speak much in mine own behalf, & therefore I leave the rest to the judgment of such as hear me, and passe from this *discourse* to my just *complaint*.

There is lately a *Flower* (shal I call it so? in courtesie I will tearme it so, though it deserve not the appellation) a *Tookip*, which hath ingrafted the love

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and affections of most people
unto it; and what is this *Toolip*?
a wellcomplexion'd stink, an
ill savour wrapt up in pleasant
colours: As for the use thereof
in *Physick*, no *Physitian* hath
honoured it yet with the men-
tion, nor with a *Greek*, or *Latin*
name, so inconsiderable hath it
hitherto been accompted; and
yet this is that which filleth all
Gardens, hundred of pounds
being given for the root there-
of, whilst I the *Rose*, am negle-
cted and contemned, and con-
ceived beneath the honour of
noble hands, and fit only to
grow in the gardens of Yeomen.
I trust the remainder to your
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apprehensions, to make out
that, which grief for such un-
deserved injuries will not suffer
me to expresse.

Hereat the *Rose* wept, and
the dropping of her *white* tears
down her *red* cheeks, so well
becomed her, that if ever sor-
row was lovely, it then appear-
ed so, which moved the behol-
ders to much compassion, her
Tears speaking more then her
tongue, in her own behalfe.

The *Toole* stood up inso-
lently, as rather *challenging*
then *crawling* respect from the
Common-wealth of *Flowers* there
present, & thus vaunted it selfe.

I am not solicitous what to
re-

returne to the complaint of
this *Rose*, whose own demerit
hath justly outed it self of that
respect, which the mistaken
world formerly bestowed upon
it, and which mens eyes, now
opened, justly reassume, and
conferre on those who better
deserve the same. To say that
I am not more worthy then the
Rose, what is it, but to con-
demne mankind, and to arraign
the most *Gentle* and knowing
among men of ignorance, for
misplacing their affections :
Surely *Vegetables* must not pre-
sume to mount above *Rationa-
ble* creatures, or to think that
men are not the most compe-
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tent Judges of the worth and
valeur of *Flowers*. I confesse
there is yet no known soveraign
vertue in my leaves; but it is
injurious to inferre that I have
none, because as yet not taken
notice of. If we should exa-
mine *all*, by their intrinsick va-
lours, how many contemptible
things in Nature would take
the upper hand of those which
are most valued; by this argu-
ment a *Flin-stone* would be
better then a *Diamond*, as con-
taining that spark of fire there-
in, whence men with combu-
stible matter may heat them-
selves in the coldest season: and
cleer it is, that the *Load-stone*,
which

(that grand *Pilot* to the North, which findeth the way there in the darkest night) is to be preferred before the most orient Pearle in the world: But they will generally be condemned for unwise, who prize things according to this proportion.

Seeing therefore in stones and minerals, that those things are not most *valued*, which have most vertue, but that men according to their eyes and fancies raise the reputation thereof, let it not be interpreted to my disadvantage, that I am not eminently known for any cordiall operation; perchance the discovery hereof is reserved for
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the next age, to find out the latent vertue which lurketh in me: And this I am confident of, that Nature would never have hung out so gorgeous a signe, if some guest of quality had not been lodged therein; surely my leaves, had never been feathered with such variety of colours, (which hath proclaimed me the King of all Lillies) had not some strange vertue, whereof the world is yet ignorant, been treasured up therein.

As for the Rose, let her thank her selfe, if she be sensible of any decay in esteem, I have not ambitiously affected superiority above her, nor have I fraudulent-ly

ly endeoured to supplant her: only I should have been wanting to my selfe, had I refused those favours from Ladies, which their importunity hath pressed upon me: And may the *Rose* remember, how she out of causelesse jealousy, maketh all hands to be her enemies that gather her; what need is there that she should garison her selfe within her prickles? why must she set so many Thornes to lye constant *pardne*, that none must gather her, but such as suddenly surprize her; and do not all that crop her, run the bazard of hurting their fingers: This is that which hath weaned the world

world from her love, whilst my
smooth stalk exposing *Ladies*
to no such perills, hath made
them by exchange to fix their
removed affections upon me.

At this stood up the *Violet*,
and all prepared themselves
with respectfull attention, ho-
nouring the *Violet* for the Age
thereof, for the *Prim Rose* alone
excepted, it is *Seignior* to all the
Flowers in the year, and was
highly regarded for the reputa-
tion of the experience thereof
that durst encounter the cold,
and had past many bitter blasts,
whereby it had gained much
wisdom, and had procured a
venerable respect, both to his
person and Counsell.

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The case (saith the *Violet*) is not of particular concernment, but extendeth it selfe to the life and liberty of all the society of *Flowers*; the complaint of the *Rose* we must allacknowledge to be just and true, and ever since I could remember, we have paid the *Rose* a just tribute of *Fealty* as our Prime and principall. As for this *Toolip*, it hath not been in being in our *Garden* above these sixty years: Our *Fathers* never knew that such a *Flower* would be, and perhaps our children may never know it ever was; what traveller brought it hither, I know not; they say it is of a

Syrian

Syrian extraction, but sure there
 it grew wild in the open fields,
 and is not beheld otherwise,
 then a gentler sort of weed:
 But we may observe that all-
 forraign vices are made vermes
 in this countrey, forraign drun-
 kennesse is Grecian Mirth (thence
 the proverb, *The merry Greek*)
 forraign pride, Grecian good
 behaviour, forraign lust, Greci-
 an love, forraign lazinesse, Gre-
 cian harmelesnesse, forraign
 weeds, Grecian Flowers. My
 judgement therefore is, that if
 we do not speedily eradicate
 this intruder (this *Tookip*) in pro-
 cesse of time will oue us all of
 our just possessions, seeing no

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Flower can pretend a cleerer
title then the Rose bath; and
let us every one make the case
to be his owne.

The gravity of the Violet so
prevailed with the Senate of
Flowers, that all concurred
with his judgment herein; and
such who had not the faculty of
the fluentnesse of their tongues
to expresse themselves in large
Orations, thought that the
well-managing of a yea, or nay,
spoke them as well, wishing to
the generall good, as the ex-
pressing themselves in large
Harangues; and these soberly
concluded, that the Toad
should be rooted out of the
Garden

Garden, and cast on the dung
 bill, as one who had justly in-
 vaded a place not due there-
 unto, and this accordingly was
 performed. *Whilſt* this was paſſing in
 the upper houſe of the *Flowers*,
 no leſs were the tranſactions
 in the lower houſe of the *herbs*,
 where there was a generall ac-
 clamation againſt *Wormwood*,
 the generality condemning it,
 as fitter to grow in a *ditch*, then
 in a *Garden*: *Wormwood* hardly
 received leave to make its own
 defence, pleading in this man-
 ner for its innocency. I would
 gladly know, whom
 I have offended in this com-
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mon. wealth of Herbe, that
 there should be so generall a
 conspiracy against me? only
 two things can be charged on
 me, commonnesse and bitterness;
 if commonnesse passe for a fault,
 you may arraign Nature it self,
 and condemn the best Jewels
 thereof, the light of the Sun,
 the benefit of the Ayre, the com-
 punity of the Water, are not
 these staple commodities of
 mankind, without which no
 being or substance. if there-
 fore it be my charity to stoop
 so low, as to tender my selfe
 to every place for the publique
 service, shall that for which I
 deserve, if not praise, I need not

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pardon, be charged upon me as
an offence.

As for my bitternesse, it is not a
malitious & mischievous bitter-
nesse to do hurt, but a helpfull &
medicinall bitternesse, whereby
many cures are effected. How
many have surteited on honey?
how many have dig'd their graves
in a Sugar-loaf? how many
diseases have bin caused by
the dulcor of many luscious
sweet-meats? then am I sent for
Physician to these patients, and
with my brother Cardus (whom
you behold with a loving eye, I
speak not this to endanger him,
but to defend my selfe) restore
them (if temperate in any dol-

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gree, and perswaded by their friends to tast of us) unto their former health. I say no more, but were all my patients now my pleaders, were all those who have gained health by the presence to intercede for me, I doubt not but to be reinstated in your good opinions.

True it is, I am condemned for over hot, and too passionate in my operation, but are not the best natures subject to this distemper? is it not observed that the most witty are the most cholerick? a little overdoing is pardonable, I will not say necessary in this kind, nor let me be condemned as destruc-

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drive to the right, having such good opening, and abstergent qualities, that moderately taken, especially in a Morning, I am both Food and Physick for a forenoon.

It is strange to see how passion and self-interest sway in many things, more then the justice and merit of a cause; it was verily expected that Worm-wood should have been acquitted, and re-admitted a member in the society of Herbs: But what will not a Faction carry; Worme-woods friends were casually absent that very day, making merry at an entertainment, her enemies (let not that Sex be angry for

making *Wormwood* feminine,
appeared in a full body, and
made so great a noise, as if some
months had two tongues in them,
and though some engaged very
zealously in *Wormwoods* de-
fence, yet over-charged with
the Tyranny of Number, it was
carried in the Negative, that
Wormwood, alias *absynthium*,
should be pluckt up root and
branch from the Garden, and
thrown upon the *Dunghill*,
which was done accordingly
where it had the wofull society
of the *Toolip*, in this happy, that
being equally miserable, they
might be a comfort the one to
the other, and spent many
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howeſo in mutuall recounting
their ſeverall calamities, think-
ing each to exceed the other
in the relation thereof.

Let us now amidſt much ſad-
neſs interweave ſomething of
more mirth and pleaſantneſſe
in the Garden. There were two
Roſes growing upon one Buſh,
the one pale and wan with age,
ready to drop off, as uſefull on-
ly for a Still: the other a young
Bud, newly looſened from its
green ſwadling cloaths, and peep-
ing on the riſing Sun, it ſeem'd
by its orient colour to be died
by the reflection thereof.

Of theſe, the aged Roſe thus
began,

Sister

Sister Bad, learn well by my
 woe, and cheaply enjoy the free
 and full benefit of that purchase
 which cost me dear and bitter
 experience. Once I was like
 your selfe, young and pretty,
 straitly laced in my green Girdle,
 not swoln to that breadth and
 corpulency which now you be-
 hold in me; every hand which
 passed by me courted me, and
 persons of all sorts were ambi-
 tious to gather me: How many
 fair fingers of curious Ladies
 tendered themselves to remove
 me from the place of my abode;
 but in those daies I was coy, &
 to tell you plainly foolish, I
 stood on mine own defence,
 sum-

summoned my dis-guard about
me, commanded every prick
as so many Halberders, to stand
to their Armes, despite those that
durst touch me, protested my
selfe a votary of constant virgi-
nity, frighted hercat passengers
desisted from their intentions
to drop me, and left me to en-
joy the sullen humour of my
own reservednesse.

Afterwards the Sunbeams
wrought powerfully upon me,
(especially about noon-tide) con-
trary my present extency, the Ori-
entall colour which blushed so
beautifull in me at the first, was
much abated, with an over-
mixture of ruddiness and paleness
therewith

therewith, so that the *Green* (or
white sicknesse rather, the com-
mon pennance for over-kept
virginity) began to infect me,
and that fragrant sent of mine,
began to remit and lessen the
sweetnesse thereof, and I daily
decayed in my naturall per-
fume; thus seeing I daily lessen-
ed in the repute of all eyes and
nostrills, I began too late to re-
pent my selfe of my former
frowardnesse, and sought that
my diligence by an after-game,
should recover what my folly
had lost; I pranked up my selfe
to my best advantage, summon-
ed all my sweetnesse to appear
in the height thereof, recruited

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ed my decayed Colour, by
blushing for my own folly, and
wooed every hand that passed
by me, to remove me.

I confesse in some sort it of-
fers rape to a Maiden modesty,
if forgetting their sex, they
that should be all *Eyes*, turn
mouthes, they that should ex-
pect, offer; when we women,
who only should be the passive
Counterparts of Love, and re-
ceive impression from others,
boldly presume to stamp them
on others, and by an inverted
method of nature, turn plea-
ders unto men, and wooe them
for their affections. For all this
there is but one excuse, and
that

that is absolute necessity, which
 as it breaks through stone
 walls, so no wonder if in this
 case it alters and transposeth the
 Sexes, making women to be men
 in case of extremity, when men
 are wanting to tender their
 affections unto them.

All was but in vaine, I was
 entertained with feigne, and
 neglect, the blinded hands of
 dayly Labours, drowned with
 continuall worke, thei black
 hands of Mores, which alwaies
 carry Night in thei Flowne,
 sleighted and concerned
 ye, now behold my last hope
 is but to deck and strowe house
 es, and to be laid as a propertie

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in windowes, till at last I die in
the Hospitall of some still, where
when useles for any thing else,
we are generally admitted:
And now my very loves begin
to leave me, and I to be dis-
serted and forsaken of my selfe.

O, how happy are those Ro-
ses, who are preferred in their
youth, to be warme in the
hands and breasts of faire La-
dies, who are joyned together
with other flowers of severall
kinds in a Rose, where the genes-
tall resule of sweetnesse from
them all, ravisheth the Smell by
an intermixture of various co-
lours, all united by their stalks
within the same wood that bind-
eth

etch them together.

Therefore Sister Bud grow
wife by my folly; and know it
is far greater happinesse to lose
thy *Virginity* in a good hand,
then to wither on the stalk
whereon thou growest: accept
of thy first and best tender, lest
afterwards in vaine thou court-
est the reversion of fragments
of that feast of love, which first
was freely rendered unto thee.

¶ Leave we them in their dis-
course; and proceed to the re-
lation of the *Foolip* and *Worm*
wood; now in a most pitifull
condition; as they were lying
on the *Dunghill*; behold a *Wast*
Giue *Boar* comes unto them;
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that which Hercules was said to
kill, and which was accounted
by some the foreman of the jury
of his Labours, was but a Pygmie;
or rather but a Pig, in compari-
son of this, and with his Tusk
wherewith Nature had armed
him to be his sword, as his
Shoulders are his shield, he began
to rend and tear the Foolip and
Wormewood, who exclaimed un-
to him as followeth.

SIR you shew a noble
Pitty useth alwaies to be an
attendant of a generous mind, &
valiant spirit, for which I have
heard you much commended.
Cruelty is commonly observed
to keep company with Coward-
lineffe,

linesse, and base minds, to triumph in cruel actions, behold we are the objects rather of your pitty, whose sufferings may rather gender in the commiseration of any that justly consider our case. In the Tower by a faction of flowers, was banished of the Garden: where I have as good a right and title to abide as any other, and this *Wormewood*, notwithstanding her just and long plea, how usefull and cordiall she was, was by a conspiracy of Herbs excludèd the Garden, and both of us ignominiously confined to this place, where we must without all hopes quickly expire. Our

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humble request unto you is not
to shorten those few minutes
of our lives which are left unto
us, seeing such prejudice was
done to our *Vitals* (when our
roots were mangled by that
cruel eradication) that there is
an impossibility of our long
continuance. Let us therefore
fairly breathe out our last
breath, and anticipate not our
misery, but let us have the fa-
vour of a quiet close and con-
clusion. *(What care it ought to be)*
But if so be that you are af-
fected with the destruction of
flowers and herbs, know the
pleasure and contentment therein
must be far greater to root out
those

these which are fairly flourishing
in their prime, whereof plenty
are in this Garden afforded, and
if it please you to follow our
directions, we will make you
Master of a Passe, which with-
out any difficulty shall convey
you into the Garden, for though
the same on all sides almost is
either walled or paled about, yet
in one place it is fenced with a
Hedge only, wherin, through
the neglect of the Gardiner
(whose care it ought to be to
secure the same) there is a hole
left in such capacity, as will
yeild you an easie entrance
thereinto: There may you glut
your selfe, and satiate your
soul

loule with variety of Flowers
and herbs, so that an Epicure
might have cause to complain
of the plenty thereof.

The Boar apprehends the
motion, is sensible it was advan-
tagious for him, and following
their directions, he makes him-
selfe Master of his owne desire.
O the spitefulnesse of some Na-
tures! how do they wreck their
their anger on all persons. It
was revenge for the *Toolip* and
Wormwood, unlesse they had
spitefully wronged the whole
Corporation of Flowers, out of
which they were ejected as use-
lesse and dangerous Members.
And now consider how these

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two pride themselves in their
 own ~~judicative~~ thoughts? how
 do they in their forerunning
 fancy anticipate the death of all
 Herbs and Flowers. What is
 sweeter then revenge? how do
 they please themselves to see
 what are hot & cold in the first,
 second, third, and fourth degree,
 (which borders on poison) how
 all these different in their
 severall Tempers, will be made
 friends in universall misery, and
 compounded in a generall destru-
 ction. Little did either Elements or
 Herbs think of the Boares ap-
 proaching, who were solacing
 themselves with merry and
 pleasant

pleasant discourse; and it will not be amiss to deceive time, by inserting the Courtship of Thistle a flower-Herb, unto the Mary-gold, thus accosting her, just as the Boar entered into the Garden.

Mistresse, Of all Flowers that grow on Earth, give me leave to professe my sincerest affection to you: Complements have so infected mens tongues (and grown an Epidemicall fault, or as others esteem it, a fashionable accomplishment) that we know not when they speak truth, having made dissembling their language, by a constant usage thereof: But believe me Mistress

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my *heart* never entertained any
other interpreter then my
Tongue; and if there be a *veine*
(which Anatomists have gene-
rally avouched, carrying intelli-
gence from the *heart* to the *lips*)
assure your selfe that *vein* acts
now in my discourse.

I have taken signall notice of
your accomplishments, and a-
mong many other rare quali-
ties, particularly of this, your
loyalty and faithfulnessse to the
Sun, *Soveraign* to all *Vegetables*,
to whose warming *Beams*, we
owe our *being* and *increase*: such
your love thereunto, that you
attend his *rising*, and therewith
open, and at his setting shut
your

your windowes: True it is, that
Heliotropium (or turner with the
Sun) hath a long time been at-
tributed to the Sun-flower; a
voluminous Giantlike Flower,
of no vertue or worth as yet
discovered therein, but we all
know the many and Sovereign
vertues in your leaves, the Herb
generall in all pottage: Nor do
you as Herb John stand newter;
and as too many now adays in
our *Commonwealth* do, neither
good nor ill (expecting to be
acted on by the impression of
the prevailent party) and other-
wise warily engage not them-
selves; but you really appear
sovereign and operative in your
whole.

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wholesome effects: The consideration hereof, and no other by reflection, hath moved me to the tender of my affections, which if it be candidly *resented*, as it is sincerely offered, I doubt not but it may conduce to the mutuall happinesse of us both.

Besides know (though I am the unproperest person to trumpet forth my owne praise) my *name* is *Thrift*, and my *nature* answereth thereunto; I doe not prodigally wast those Lands in a *moment*, which the industry and frugality of my Ancestors hath in a long time advanced; I am no gamster to shake away with a *quaking* hand, what a
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more fixed hand did gain and
 acquire: I am none of those
 who in variety of cloaths, bury
 my quick estate as in a winding
 sheet; nor am I one of those
 who by cheats and deceits im-
 prove my selfe on the losses of
 others; no *Widowers* have wept,
 no *Orphans* have cryed for what
 I have offered unto them (this
 is not *Thrift* but rather *Belousy*)
 nor owe I any thing to my own
 body; I fear not to be arrested
 upon the action of my own car-
 casse, as if my creditors should
 cunningly compact there-
 with, and quit scores, resigning
 their Bill and Bond unto mine
 own body, whilst that in re-
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quitall surrendereth all obligations for food and cloaths therunto: Nor do I undertake to buy out Bonds in controversies for almost nothing, that so running a small hazard, I may gain great advantage, if my bargain therein prove successfull. No, I am plain and honest Thrift, which none ever did, or will speak against, save such prodigall spend-thrifts, who in their reduced thoughts, will speak more against themselves.

And now it is in your power to accept or refuse what I have offered, which is the priviledge which nature hath allotted for your feminine sex, which we men

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perchance may grudge and re-
pine at, but it being past our
power to amend it, we must
permit our selves as well as we
may to the constant custome
prevailing herein.

The *Marigold* demurely hung
down her head, as not over-
fond of the motion, and kepe
silence so long as it might stand
with the rule of manners, but at
last brake forth into the fol-
lowing return.

I am tempted to have a good
opinion of my selfe, to which
all people are prone, and we
women most of all, if we may
believe young of us, which
herein I am afraid are too true.

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But Sir, I conceive my selfe too
wise to be deceived by your
commendations of me; especi-
ally in so large a way, and on
so generall an account; that
other Flowers not only share
with me, but exceed me there-
in: May not the Daines eye not
only be corrieall with me; but
superior to me in that quality;
wherein so much you praise me;
my vigilancy starteth only from
the Suns rising, hers beares date
fro the dawning of the morning,
& out-runs my speed by many
degrees: my vertue in postage
which you so highly commend,
impute it not to my Modesty,
but to my Guiltinesse, if I cannot
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give it entertainment; for how many hundred Herbs which you have neglected exceed me therein.

But the plain truth is, you love not me for my selfe, but for your advantage. It is Gold on the rear of my name, which maketh Thrift to be my Sutor; how often, and how unworthily have you tendered your affections, even to Penny-royall, it selfe, had she not scorned to be courted by you.

But I commend the Girl that she knew her own worth, though it was but a penny, yet it is a Royall one, and therefore not a fit match for every base

Sutor

Suitor, but know how to vau-
 her selfe; and give me leave to
 tell you, that Matches founded
 on Covetousnesse never succeed.
 Profit is the Load-stone of your
 affections, Wealth, the attractive
 of your Love, Money the mover
 of your desire; how many hun-
 dreds have engaged themselves
 on these principles, and after-
 wards have benighted them-
 selves for the same? But on the
 uncertainty of wealth? how
 unable is it to expleate & satis-
 fie the mind of man: Such as cast
 Anchor thereat, seldom find
 fast ground, but are tossed about
 with the Tempests of many tri-
 bulations; these Women for con-
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venency of profit and pleasure
 (when there hath been no fur-
 ther nor higher intent) I have
 filled all the world with mis-
 chief and misery. Know then sir,
 I return you a flat *deniall*, a de-
 niall that *vertually* contains ma-
 ny, yea as many as ever I shall be
 able to pronounee: My tongue
 knowes no other language to
 you but No; score it upon wo-
 mens dissimulation (whereof
 we are eoe guilty, and I at o-
 ther times as faulty as any) but
 Sir, read my eyes, my face, and
 compound all together, and
 know these are the expressions
 dictated from my heart; I shall
 embrace a thousand deaths
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sooner, then your Marriage
Bed.

Thus were they harmelesly
discouraging, and feared no ill,
when on a sudden they were
surprized with the unnouch
sight of the Bount, which had
entered their Garden following
his prescribed directions, and
armed with the Coeslee of his
Bristles, danced like a trium-
phant Conqueror round about
the Garden, as one who would
not make them suffer in their
fear, before in their feeling, how
did he please himself in the
variety of the *flowers* of the
flowers, to see how some pale
ones looked red, and some red
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the Speech of Flowers.

ones looked pale; leaving it to
Philosophers to dispute and de-
cide the different effects should
proceed from the same causes;
and among all Philosophers,
commending the question to
the Stoicks, who because they
pretend an *Antipathy*, that they
themselves would never be an-
gry, never be mounted above
the modell of a common usuall
Temper, are most competent
Judges, impartially to give the
reason of the causes of the an-
gry of others.
And now, it is strange to see
the severall waies the Flowers
embraced to provide for their
owne security; there is no such
one.

Teacher as extremity; necessity
 hath found out more Arts, then
 ever ingenuity invented: The
Wall-Gillyflower ran up to the
 top of the Wall of the Garden,
 where it hath grown ever since,
 and will never descend till it
 hath good security for its own
 safety; and being mounted
 thereon, he entertained the
Boar with the following dis-
 course.

Thou basest and unworthiest
 of four-footed Beasts; thy Mother
 the Sow, passeth for the most
 contemptible name, that can be
 fixed on any She: Yea, *Pliny*
 reporteth, that a Sow growne
 old, useth to feed on her owne
 young,

young; and herein I beleeeve that
Pliny, who otherwise might be
 straitned for fellow-witnesses,
 might find such who will attest
 the truth of what he hath spo-
 ken. Mens *Excrement*s is thy ele-
 ment, and what more cleanly
 creatures do scorn and detest,
 makes a feast for thee; nothing
 comes amisse unto thy mouth,
 and we know the proverb what
 can make a pan-cake unto thee:
 Now you are gotten into the
Garden (shame light on that ne-
 gligent *Gardner*, whose care it
 was to fence the same, by whose
 negligence and oversight, you
 have gotten an entrance into
 this *Academy of Flowers and*
E. 3 Herbs)

Herbs let me who am your ene-
 mie give you some Counsell, and
 neglect it not, because it comes
 from my *Mouth*. You see I am
 without the reach of your *An-*
ger, and all your power cannot
 hurt me, except you be pleased
 to borrow wings from some
Bird, thereby to advantage
 your selfe, to reach my habita-
 tion.

My Counsell therefore to
 you is this, be not Proud be-
 cause you are *Prosperous*; who
 would ever have thought, that
 you could have entered this
 place, which we conceived was
 impregnable against any of
 your kind: Now because you
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have had successe as farre above
our expectations, as your deserts;
show your own moderation in
the usage thereof; to Master us
is easie, to Master your selfe is
difficult. Attempt therefore
that which as it is most hard to
performe, so will it bring most
honour to you when executed;
and know, I speak not this in
relation to my selfe (sufficiently
priviledged from your
Tasks) but as acted with a pub-
lique spirit, for the good of the
Communitie of Flowers; and if any
thing hereafter betide you, or
ther then you expect, you will
remember that I am a Propbet,
and foretell that which too true

you will credit and believe.

The *Boe* heard the words, and entertained them with a *surly* silence; as conceiving himself to be mounted above danger, sometimes he pittied the fillinesse of the *Wall-flower*, that pittied him, and sometimes he vowed revenge, concluding that the *stones* of the *Wall* would not afford it sufficient moisture, for its constant dwelling there, but that he should take it for an advantage, when it descended for more sustenance.

It is hard to expresse the *panick* fear in the rest of the *flowers*, and especially the *small*

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Prim-roses, begged of their *Mother* that they might retreat in to the middle of them, which would only make them grow bigger and broader, and it would grieve a pittifull heart to hear the child plead, and the mother so often deny.

The Child began, dear *Mother*, she is but halfe a *Mother* that doth breed and not preserve, only to bring forth, and then to expose us to worldly misery, lessens your *Love*, and doubles our *sufferings*: See how this tyrannicall *Bear* threatens our instant undoing, I desire only a *Sanctuary* in your bosome, a retreating place into your breast, and

and who fitter to come into you, then she that came out of you; whether should we return, then from whence we came, it will be but one happinesse, or one misfortune, together we shall die, or together be preserved; only some content and comfort will be unto me, either to be happy or unhappy in your company.

The broader *Primrose* hearkened unto these words with a sad countenance, as sensible in herselfe, that had not the present necessity hardened her affections, she neither would nor could return a deaf eare to so equall a motion. But now she rejoyned.

Dear

Dear Child, none can be more
sensible then my selfe of Mo-
therly affections, it troubles me
more for me to deny thee, then
for thee to be denyed; I love
thy safety where it is not ne-
cessarily included in my dan-
ger, the entertaining of thee
will be my ruine and destruc-
tion; how many Parents in this
age have been undone merely
for affording house and home
to such Children, whose con-
dition might be quarrell'd with
as expos'd to exception.

I am sure of mine own inno-
cency, which never in the least
degree have offended this God,
and therefore hope he will not
offend

offend me; what wrong and injury you have done him is best known to your selfe; stand therefore on your own bottom, maintain your own innocence; for my part I am resolved not to be drowned for others hanging on me, but I will try as long as I can the strength of my own armes and leggs; excuse me good child, it is not hatred to you, but love to my selfe, which makes me to understand my own interest. The younger *Prim-rose* returned.

Mother, I must again appeal to your affections, despairing to find any other *Judge* to Father my cause; remember I am part
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of your selfe, and have never by
 any undutifulnesse disoblighd
 your affections; I professe also
 mine own integrity, that I ne-
 ver have offended this Boar,
 being more innocent therein
 then your selfe; for alas my ten-
 den years intitles me not to any
 correspondency with him; this
 is the first minute (and may it be
 the last) that ever I beheld
 him; I reassume therefore my
 suite, supposing that your first
 denyall proceeded only from a
 desire to try my importunity;
 and give me occasion to enforce
 my request with the greater
 earnestnesse. By your motherly
 bowels I conjure you (an exor-
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cisme which (I beleeve) comes
 not within the compasse of su-
 perstition) that you tendering
 in this my extremity, whose
 greatest ambition is to die in
 those armes from whence I first
 fetcht my originall. And then
 she left her *tears* singly to drop
 out the remainder, what her
tongue could not expresse. *At*
the The Affections of Parents
 may sometimes be smothered,
 but seldome quenched, and mee-
 ting with the blast or bellows
 from the submissive mouths of
 their Children, it quickly blazeth
 into a flame. Mother and daughter
 are like Tallies, one exactly
 answereth the other. The Mo-
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ther *Prim-rose* could no longer resist the violence of her daughters importunity, but opens her bosome for the present reception thereof, wherein ever since it hath growne doubled unto this day; and yet a double mischief did arise from this gemination of the *Prim-rose*, in inserting of the little one into the Bowels thereof.

First, those *Prim-roses* ever since grow very slowly, and lag the last among all the *Flowers* of that kind; single *Prim-roses* beat them out of distance, and are arrived at their *Mathe* month before the other *floure* out of their green *laster*; yet it will

will not be hard to assigne a natural cause thereof, namely, a greater power of the Sun is acquired to the production of greater *Flowers*; small degrees of heat will suffice to give a being to single *Flowers*; whilst double ones groaning under the weight of their own greatness, require a greater force of the *Sun-beams* to quicken them, and to spurro their *laziness*, to make them appear out of their roots.

But the second Mischiefe most concernes us, which is this; all single *Flowers* are sweeter, then those that are double; and here we could wish that a *flourish* of

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Florists were impannelled, not to
 eat, untill such time as they
 were agreed in their *verdict*,
 what is the true cause thereof.
 Some will say that single *leaves*
 of *Flowers*, being more effectually
 wrought on by the *Sun-*
Beams, are rarified thereby, and
 so all their sweetnesse and per-
 fume the more fully extracted;
 whereas double *Flowers* who
 lie as it were in a lump, and
 heap crouded together with its
 own *leaves*, the *Sun-beams* hath
 not that advantage singly to
 distill them, and to improve e-
 very particular *leaf* to the best
 advantage of sweetnesse: This
 sure I am, that the old *Prim-*

F *rose*

rose fencible of the abatement
of her sweetnesse, since she was
clogged with the entertainment
of her Daughter, halfe repent-
ing that she had receiued her,
returned this complaining dis-
course.

Daughter, I am fencible that
that the statutes of *humates*, was
founded on very good and so-
lid grounds, that many should
not be multiplyed within the
roof of one and the same house,
finding the inconveniency
thereof by lodging thee my
owne Daughter within my Be-
same; I wil not speak how much
I have lost of my growth, the
Clock whereof is set back a whole

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month by receiving of you; but
 that which most grieveth me, I
 perceive, I am much abated in
 my *sweetnesse* (the essence of all
Flowers) and which only dis-
 tinguisheth them from *weeds*,
 seeing otherwise in *Colours*,
weeds may contest with us in
 brightnesse and variety.

Peace Mother (replyed the
 small *Primrose*) conceive not
 this to be your particular un-
 happinesse, which is the gene-
 rall *accident* falling out daily in
 my common experience, namely,
 that the bigger and thicker
 people grow in their *estates*, the
 worse and lesse vertuous they
 are in their *Conversations*, our

age may produce millions of these instances; I knew some tenne years since many honest men, whose converse was familiar and faire, how did they court and desire the company of their neighbours, and mutually, how was their company desired by them? how *humble* were they in their *carriage*, loving in their *expressions*, and *friendly* in their *behaviour*, drawing the love and affections of all that were acquainted with them? But since being grown wealthy, they have first learnt not to know *themselves*, and afterwards none of their *neighbours*; the *brightnesse* of
much

much *Gold* and *Silver*, hath with the *shine* and *lustre* thereof so *perstringed* and *dazled* their eyes, that they have forgotten those with whom they had formerly so familiar conversation; how *proudly* do they *walk*? how *superciliously* do they *look*? how *disdainfully* do they *speak*? they will not know their own *Brothers* and *kindred*, as being a *kin* only to themselves.

Indeed such who have long been gaining of wealth, and have slowly proceeded by degrees therein, whereby they have learnt to manpage their minds, are not so palpably proud as others; but those who

in an instant have been surpriz-
ed with a vast estate, flowing in
upon them from a fountain farre
above their *deserts*; not being
able to wield their own great-
nesse, have been prest under the
weight of their own estates,
and have manifested that their
minds never knew how to be
stewards of their wealth, by
forgetting themselves in the
disposing thereof.

I beleeeve the little *Prim-rose*
would have been longer in her
discourse, had not the approach
of the *Boar* put an unexpected
period thereunto, and made her
bleak off her speech before the
ending thereof.

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Now whilst all other flowers were struck into a panick silence, only two, the *Violet*, and the *Marigold* continued their discourse, which was not attributed to their valour or hardi- nesse above other *Flowers*, but that casually both of them grew together in the declivity of a depressed *Valley*, so that they saw not the *Boar*, nor were they sensible of their own misery, nor durst others remove their stations to bring them intelligence thereof.

Sister *Marigold* (said the *Violet*) you and I have continued these many daies in the contest which of our two colours are

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the most honourable and pleasing to the Eye, I know what you can plead for your selfe, that your *yellownesse* is the *Livery of Gold*, the *Soveraign* of most mens hearts, and esteemed the purest of all *mettals*; I deny not the truth hereof: But know that as farre as the *Skie* surpasseth that which is buried in the *Bowels* of the *Earth*, so farre my *blew colour* exceedeth yours; what is oftner mentioned by the *Poets* then the *azure Clouds*? let *Heraulds* be made the *Vm-pire*, and I appeal to *Ger-rard*, whether the *azure* doth not carry it cleer above all other *colours* herein; *Sable* or
black

Black affrights the beholders
 with the hue thereof, and minds
 them of the Funerall of their
 last friends, whom they had in-
 terred. Vert or Green I confesse
 is a colour refreshing the sight,
 and wore commonly before the
 eyes of such who have had a
 casuall mischance therein, how-
 ever, it is but the Livery of no-
 velty, a young upstart colour, as
 green beads, and green youth do
 passe in common experience.
 Red I confesse is a noble colour,
 but it hath too much of bloo-
 dineffe therein, and affrighteth
 beholders with the memory
 thereof: My Blew is exposed to
 no cavills and exceptions,
 where.

wherein *black* and *red* are moderately compounded, so that I participate of the perfections of them both: the overgaudinessse of the *red*, which hath too much *light* and *brightness* therein, is reduced and tempered with such a *mixture* of *black*, that the *red* is made *stayed*, but not *sad* therewith, and the *black* kept from over-much melancholy, with a proportionable contemperation of *red* therein: This is the reason that in all ages the *Violet* or *purple colour* hath passed for the emblem of Magistracy, and the *Robes* of the antient Roman judges alwaies died therewith.

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The *Violet* scarce arriv'd at the middle of her discourse, when the approach of the *Boar* put it into a terrible fear, nor was there any *Herb* or *Flower* in the whole *Garden* left surprized with fear, save only *Time* and *Sage*, which casually grew in an *Island* surrounded with water from the rest, and secured with a lock-bridge from the *Boars* access. *Sage* beginning, accosted *Time* in this Nature.

Most fragrant Sister, there needs no other argument to convince thy transcendent sweetnesse, save only the appealing to the *Bees* (the most compe-

competent judges in this kind) those little *Chymists*, who through their natural *Alembick*, distill the sweetest and usefull-
lest of *Liquors*, did not the commonesse and cheapnesse thereof make it lesse valued: Now these industrious *Bees*, the emblem of a common-wealth (or Monarchy rather, if the received traditions of a *Master-Bee* be true) make their constant diet upon thee; for though no *Flower* comes amisse to their palates, yet are they observed to preferre thee above the rest. Now Sister *Time*, faine would I be satisfied of you severall queries, which only *Time*

is

is able to resolve. Whether or no do you think that the *State* of the *Turks* wherein we live, (whose cruelty hath destroyed faire *Tempe* to the small remnant of these few Acres) whether I say, do you think that their *strength* and *greatness* doth *encrease*, *stand still*, or *abate*? I know *Time* that you are the *Mother of truth*, and the finder out of all truths mysteries; be open therefore and candid with me herein, and freely speak your mind of the case propounded.

Time very gravely casting down the eyes thereof to the earth; Sister *Sage* (said she) had you propounded any question within

70 *Philosophia, or*
within the sphear or circuit of
a Garden, of the heat or coolnesse,
drinesse or moisture, vertue or o-
peration of flouers and Herbs,
I should not have demurred to
return you a speedy answer; but
this is of that dangerous conse-
quence, that my own safety
locks up my lips, and commands
my silence therein: I know your
wisdom Sage, whence you
have gotten your name and re-
putation, this is not an age to
trust the neereſt of our relati-
ons with such an important
secreſie; what ever thoughts are
concealed within the Cabinet of
my own bosome, shall there be
preserved in their secret pro-
perties

pertie without imparting them to any; my confessor himselfe shall know my *conscience*, but not my judgement in affaires of *State*: Let us comply with the present necessity, and lie at a close posture, knowing there be fencers even now about us, who will set upon us if our guards lye open: generall discourses are such to which I will confine my selfe: It is antiently said, *that the subtill man lurks in generall*. But now give me leave, for honesty it selfe, if desiring to be safe, to take Sanctuary therein.

Let us enjoy our own happinesse, and be sensible of the
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favour indulged to us, that
whereas all *Tempe* is defaced,
this *Garden* still surviveth in
some tolerable condition of
prosperity, and we especially
miled about, are fenced from
forraign foes, better then the
rest; let it satisfie your soule
that we peaceably possess this
happinesse, and I am sorry that
the lustre thereof is set forth
with so true a foile, as the cala-
mity of our neighbours.

Sage returned; Were I a blab
of my mouth, whose secrecie
was ever suspected, then might
you be cautious in communi-
cating your mind unto me: But
secrecy is that I can principally
boast

boast of, it being the quality for which the common-wealth of *Flowers* chose me their privy Councillor, what therefore is told me in this nature, is deposited as securely, as those *treasures* which formerly were laid up in the *Temple* of safety it self; and therefore with all modest importunity, I reassume my suit, and desire your judgment of the question, whether the *Turkish* Tyranny is likely to continue any longer? for *Time* I know alone can give an answer to this question.

Being confident (*said Time*) of your fidelity, I shall expresse my selfe in that freeness unto
G you

you, which I never as yet expressed to any mortall: I am of that hopefull opinion, that the period of this barbarous nations greatnesse begins to approach, my first reason is drawn from the vicissitude and mutability which attends all earthly things; *Bodies* arrived at the *vertical* point of their *strength*, *decay* and *decline*. The *Moon* when in the fulnesse of its *increasing*, tendeth to a *waning*; it is a pitch too high for any sublunary thing to amount unto constantly, to proceed progressively in greatnesse; this maketh me to hope that this Giant-like *Empire*, cemented with

ex- with Tyranny, supported, not
n of so much with their own poli-
the cy, as with the servility of such
ati- who are under them, hath seen
ap- its best daies and highest eleva-
own tion.

To this end, to come to
more particulars, what was it
which first made the *Turks* for-
tunate, in so short a time to o-
ver-run all *Greece*, but these two
things; first, the *dissentions*, 2.
the *dissolutenesse* of your ancient
Greeks: Their *dissentions* are too
well known, the Emperor of
Constantinople being grown al-
most but *titular*, such the pride
and potency of many Peeres
under him. The *Egean* is not
G 2 more

more stored with *Islands* (as I think scarce such a heap or huddle is to be found of them in all the world againe) as *Greece* was with severall *factions*, the *Epirots* hated the *Achayans*, the *Mesedans* bandoned against the *Thracians*, the *Dalmatians* maintained deadly feud against the *Wallachians*: Thus was the conquest made easie for the *Turks*, beholding not so much to their own valour, as to the *Grecian* discord.

Next to their *disfentions*, their *dissolutenesse* did expedite their ruine; drunkennesse was so common among them, that it was a sin to be sober, so that I may

may say, all Greece reel'd and staggered with its own intemperance when the Turk assaulted it: What wonder then was it if they so quickly over-ran that famous Empire, where vice and lazinesse had generally infected all conditions of people.

But now you see the Turks themselves have divisions and dissentions among them, their great *Bashaws* and *holy Ministers* have their severall factions and dissentions; and whereas the poor Greeks by the reason of their hard usage, begin now to be starved into uniey and temperance, they may seem to have changed their vices with the

Turks, who are now grown as
factions and vicious as the other
were before. Adde to all this
that they are universally hated,
and the neighbouring Princes
rather wait a time, then want a
will to be revenged on them for
their many insolencies. Put all
these together, and tell me if it
put not a cheerfull complexion
on probability, that the Turkish
tyranny having come to the
mark of its own might, and ut-
most limits of its own great-
ness, will dwindle and wither
away by degrees. And assure
your selfe, if once it come to be
but *standing water*, it will quick-
ly be a *low ebb* with them.

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Probably she had proceeded longer in her Oration, if not interrupted with the miserable moanes and complaints of the *Herbs* and *Flowers* which the *Boar* was ready to devour, when presently the *Sage* spake unto the *Boar* in this manner!

Sir, Listen a little unto me, who shall make such a motion whereof your selfe shall be wth the *Judge* (how much it tenderth to your advantage) and the dearest ears will listen to their own interest.) I have no designe for my selfe (whose position here invironed with with water, secureth

me from your anger) but I confesse I sympathize with the miserie of my friends and acquaintance, which in the continent of the *Garden* are exposed to your cruelty; what good will it do you to destroy so many *Flowers* and *Herbs*, which have no gust or sweetnesse at all in them for your palate; follow my directions, and directly *South-west* as you stand, you shall find (going forward therein) a corner in the *Garden*, overgrown with *Hog-weed*, (through the *Gardiners* negligence;) Oh what *Lettice* will be for your *lipps*; you will say that *Via lactea* (or the milkie way) is truly

truly there, so white, so sweet,
so plentiful a liquor is to be
distilled out of the leaves there-
of, which hath gotten the name
of *Hog-weed*, because it is the
principall *Bill of fare* whereon
creatures of your kind make
their common repast. The
Boar sensible that *Sage* spake to
the purpose, followed his di-
rections, and found the same
true, when feeding himselfe al-
most to surfet on those delici-
ous dainties, he swelled so
great, that in his return out of
the *Garden*, the hole in the fence
which gave him *admittance*, was
too small to afford him *egresse*
out thereat; when the *Gardiner*
com-

coming in with a Guard of
Dogs, so persecuted this Ty-
rant, that killed on the place,
he made satisfaction for the
wrong he had done, and for
the terrour wherewith he had
affrighted so many *Innocents*. I
with the Reader well feasted
with some of his *Brawn* well
cooked, and so take our leave
both of him and the *Gardens*.

FINIS.